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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

1. USCAB THIS MORNING ISSUED INITIAL ORDER UNDER PART 213 FINDING THAT FRENCH INTERFERENCE WITH PANAM OPERATION DENIED PAN AM OPERATING RIGHTS PROVIDED FOR IN US-FRANCE AGREEMENT AND DIRECTING AIR FRANCE AND UTA TO FILE THEIR EXISTING SCHEDULES WITHIN 7 DAYS AND ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN SCHEDULES 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE. TEXT OF ORDER INCLUDED IN SEPTTEL. FRENCH EMBASSY IS BEING SERVED COPY OF ORDER.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED, AT HIGH LEVEL, TO EXPLAIN TO FRENCH AUTHORITIES THAT BOARD ACTION IS MERELY INITIAL
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PROCEDURAL STEP REQUIRED UNDER U.S. LAW, AND DOES NOT IMPAIR AIR FRANCE OR UTA OPERATIONS. BOARD DEFERRED ACTION UNTIL TODAY, IN HOPE THAT FRENCH COULD RESPOND PROMPTLY TO U.S. ARBITRATION PROPOSAL. GIVEN TIME DELAYS INHERENT IN U.S. PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS AND INDEFINITENESS ON TIME OF FRENCH RESPONSE, BOARD FELT COMPELLED TO START CLOCK RUNNING. ACTION IS NOT INTENDED TO BE PREJUDICIAL

TO ARBITRATION PROPOSAL, FOR BOARD ORDER CAN BE WITHDRAWN
AT ANY TIME. FURTHER, ACTUAL RETALIATION WOULD REQUIRE
ADDITIONAL BOARD ACTION AND PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL.

3. WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT FRENCH WILL ACCEPT U.S.
ARBITRATION PROPOSAL, WITH RESULT THAT AIRLINES OF
BOTH REPEAT BOTH SIDES CAN OPERATE WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION
WHILE MERITS OF CONFLICTING ARGUMENTS ARE BEING RESOLVED.

4. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF POINTS IN PARAS 2
AND 3. VANCE

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